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Claims: Cancel all claims of record and substitute new claims 21 – 39 as follows

21. A lip strengthening mechanism comprising:

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- (a) a rigid segment with one end consisting of a round or tubular end segment to be held in the lips for exercising the facial embouchure muscles independent of assistance or dependence on the jaw muscles used for chewing. Said round or tubular end segment to be uniform in cross section for at least ½" from the end inwards.
 - (b) means for applying weight and torque to said rigid segment, such means being external to the lips and mouth.

Whereby gripping said round or tubular like end segment with the lips for a period of time will result in the exercise of the muscles surrounding the lips gripping said rigid segment.

- 22. The mechanism of claim 21 wherein said rigid round or tubular end segment is coated with a firm plastic resin that will hold its shape while being manipulated by the user's lips.
- 23. The mechanism of claim 21 wherein said rigid round or tubular end segment is made using firm food-grade material which will hold its shape while being manipulated by the user's lips.
- 24. The mechanism of claim 21 wherein said means consists of a projecting segment whose shape and mass imparts a suitable weight and torque to result in exercising the embouchure muscles, without adding additional weights being added to the mechanism.

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25. The mechanism of claim 21 wherein said means consists of a rigid projecting segment and a weight that attaches to said projecting segment.

26. The mechanism of claim 25 where said weight can be variably positioned along said projecting segment to adjust the torque applied to the round or tubular end segment being gripped by the user's lips.

27. The mechanism of claim 25 where said rigid projecting segment has a corkscrew shape, allowing weights to reside at any distance from the lips without sliding and changing their imparted torque during exercise routines.

28. The mechanism of claim 25 where said rigid projecting segment consists of a sliding extension segment which can both impart additional weight and impart additional variable torque.

29. The mechanism of claim 28 where said extension segment can support additional weights.

30. A lip strengthening mechanism comprising:

- (a) a rigid round or tubular segment to be held in the lips for exercising the facial embouchure muscles independent of assistance or dependence on the jaw muscles used for chewing. Said round or tubular end segment to be uniform in cross section to the end, and
- (b) a rigid projecting segment projecting from said rigid round or tubular segment to be held in the lips pointed perpendicular away from the plane of the face of the user,

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whereby gripping said rigid round or tubular segment to be held in the lips with the lips for a period of time will result in the exercise of the muscles surrounding the lips gripping said rigid segment.

31. The mechanism of claim 30 wherein said rigid round or tubular segment to be held in the lips is coated with a firm plastic resin that will hold its shape while being manipulated by the user's lips.
32. The mechanism of claim 30 wherein said means consists of a projecting segment whose shape and mass imparts a suitable weight and torque to result in exercising the embouchure muscles, without adding additional weights being added to the mechanism.
33. The mechanism of claim 30 wherein said rigid projecting segment has a weight attached that's mass creates the weight and torque conveyed through said rigid projecting segment to said rigid round or tubular segment to be held by the lips alone.
34. The mechanism of claim 33 where said weight can be variably positioned along said projecting segment to adjust the torque applied to the segment being gripped by the user's lips.
35. The mechanism of claim 33 where said rigid projecting mechanism has a corkscrew shape allowing the weight to rest at a low point at any distance from the users lips.